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HERNANDEZ JR. BECOMES 13TH JOCKEY TO WIN 600 RACES AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Friday, June 28, 2019) – **Brian Hernandez Jr.** became only the 13th jockey in Churchill Downs history to ride 600 winners at the home of the Kentucky Derby when the 33-year-old won Friday's featured 10th race aboard **Twelfth Labour** for trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

"It certainly means a lot to get this accomplishment," Hernandez said. "I started riding at Churchill the day after I graduated high school and to get 600 wins here means a lot. It's because of trainers like Dallas that have supported me my entire career that I was able to reach this milestone today. This is just a start and we'll keep on going up from here."

Hernandez Jr., who began riding professionally in 2003, won his first race at Churchill Downs aboard **Machine to Tower** on May 27, 2004. Overall, the native of Lafayette, La. has won 1,938 races and his mounts have amassed more than \$76.8 million from 14,182 starts during a 16-year riding career.

He won the Eclipse Award in 2004 as the nation's champion apprentice jockey. In 2012, Hernandez Jr. won the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Santa Anita aboard **Fort Larned** for his biggest career win.

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